

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



1961

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL


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For the year 1961



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Urban District Council Offices,  
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Leicestershire.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Urban District Council of  
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Madam Chairman, Dr. Griffith and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1961.

The population is steadily increasing and is now 7,450 compared with 7,150 in 1960.

The birth rate (18.6) is higher than last year (16.5) and higher than that for England and Wales (17.4).

The death rate (12.2) is higher than last year (8.7) and higher than that for England and Wales (12.0).

The chief causes of death were from diseases associated with elderly people.

33 houses were completed during the year making a total of 748 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 110 and the number of applications received during the year was 74.

During the year 24 unfit houses were demolished and two closed.

During the year 47 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, 39 Measles, two Whooping Cough, one Food Poisoning, one Scarlet Fever, one Erysipelas and three Pneumonia. There were three deaths from Pneumonia. The case notified as Food Poisoning, although probably not a Food Poisoning case, was fairly severe and had to be admitted to hospital.

I am pleased to report that an increased number of children received primary immunisation against diphtheria.

Five cases of Tuberculosis, three pulmonary and two non-pulmonary, were notified during the year and there was one death. Three cases were removed from the register - two cured and one died.





The five cases notified necessitated a good deal of investigation and examination of contacts. This included the examination of 344 children and 10 teachers at a school, the visit of the Mass Radiography Unit to a works to X-ray 64 people and to a small firm to X-ray five people.

I should like to express my thanks to the staff of the Public Health Department of the County and to Dr. Mair and his staff in the Public Health Laboratory at Groby Road, Leicester, for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. F.H. Wynne, Public Health Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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## SECTION A

### General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres)	5,985
Population (R.G.'s estimate)	7,450
Number of inhabited houses	2,347
Rateable Value (at 31.12.61)	£93,174
Sum represented by a penny rate	£370.0.0d
Comparability factor - Births	0.96
- Deaths	1.02

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the district are agriculture; biscuit making; crisp manufacture; dairies; soap manufacturing and glove manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in coalmining; earthenware and brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also 4 Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath.

No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the population.

### Vital Statistics

		<u>% England and Wales</u>
Live Births	144	
Live Birth rate	18.6	17.4
Still Births	3	
Still Birth rate per 1000 (live and still)	19.6	18.7
Total Births (live and still)	147	
Infant Deaths	1	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	6.9	21.4
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 legitimate births	7.1	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate births	.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live births	6.9	15.5
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live births	6.9	
Perinatal mortality, the early neo-natal mortality combined with the still births per 1000 total births	27.2	
Percentage of illegitimate live births	2.8	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 total births	.0	0.33



Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	66	74	140
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	70	74	144
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Still Births : Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	2	1	3
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	72	75	147
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Deaths	43	46	89
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Death rate per 1000 population	12.2		
Death rate England and Wales	12.0		

Causes of Death during 1961

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm stomach	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	4	6
Leukaemia Aleukaemia	0	1	1
Diabetes	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	2	11
Coronary disease, angina	9	7	16
Hypertension with heart disease	0	1	1
Other heart disease	7	13	20
Other circulatory disease	1	0	1
Influenza	1	3	4
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	2	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	3	6
All other accidents	0	1	1
Suicide	0	1	1
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	43	46	89
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>



Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Diseases of heart and circulation	49
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	17
Diseases of the respiratory system	8





## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

#### Hospitals

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When the inmates become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

#### Ashby-de-la-Zouch and District Hospital.

This is the only hospital in the area and is under the Leicester No. 2 Hospital Management Committee. The hospital has accommodation for 28 patients, including 13 maternity beds.

No. of In-Patients (Medical, Surgical, etc.)	380
No. of Maternity cases admitted	423
No. of Births	349
No. of Still Births	1
Out-Patients attendances, including	
casualties and ante-natal	4,356
Operations	306

#### Loudoun House. County Home for Old People

There are 48 residents both men and women. The residents are drawn from all parts of the County and as more Homes are being opened there will be more opportunity for the transfer of residents to County Homes in their own areas.

Local organisations still continue to visit, help and entertain the residents.

#### Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. An Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community Centre on Wednesday mornings, except during the school holidays.



### Ambulance Facilities

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

### Nursing in the Home

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the County Council.

### Health Visiting

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council and is ably carried out in the area.

A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

### Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory, Isolation  
Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory were as follows :

Throat and Nose Swabs	:	7
Faeces and Urine	:	22
Sputa	:	20
Waters	:	8
Food	:	13
Miscellaneous	:	2
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Generally, there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.



## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity but complaints are still being received from residents regarding the taste and smell of chlorophenols in the water.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :

#### Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	2275
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	7155

#### Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	43
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	199

#### Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	29
Estimated population	..	..	..	..	96

Apart from a few isolated dwellings, the whole of the urban area is supplied with water from the public mains.

No. of cases in which a piped supply was substituted for well water	..	..	..	..	Nil
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#### Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	1
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	1
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1961	.. .. ..	14

The Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Pick, Everard, Keay & Gimson, have been instructed to prepare plans and report on the Sewerage Systems for the Urban District and it is anticipated that new sewers will have to be laid in the Northern, Central and Southern areas of the town, together with a new outfall sewer to the Works at Packington. The existing Works at Packington and Willesley will have to be extended and improved. The ultimate cost will be in the region of £275,000.



### Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December, 1961 :

(a) Privies	..	..	..	1
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	16
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	2,449

Number of closets converted to water carriage system during the year :

(a) Privies	..	..	..	Nil
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	16

Number of privies converted to pail closets 1

No grant is made towards the cost of conversion.

### Public Cleansing

Domestic refuse is removed every 8 days by one Shelvoke and Drewry 25 cubic yards "Fore and Aft" Freighter, and one Dennis "Chelsea" side loader which is used for one day each week to collect refuse from the outlying districts.

For a short period in March the crude tip on Nottingham Road was used, otherwise the new tip in the disused railway cutting off the Smisby Road was used exclusively. The Nottingham Road tip was closed in May.

### Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received	..	..	..	32
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	..	30





## Particulars of Inspections made

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping	1
Bakehouses	7
Dairies	2
Drainage Works	44
Dwelling houses	507
Infectious diseases inquiries	12
Food poisoning inquiries	14
Food premises	61
Offensive Trades	Nil
Refuse collection and disposal	199
Rodent control	14
Schools	5
Shops	6
Slaughterhouses and Meat inspection	286
Smoke control	3
Tents, vans and sheds etc.,	19
Verminous and dirty premises	4
Water supplies	17
Factories and Workshops	14
Other inspections	287
	<u>1,502</u>

## Notices

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1961	-	2
Issued during year	-	10
Complied with during year	4	10
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1961	-	2

## Statutory

Statutory Notices - Nil

Summary action - Nil



## Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 :

	<u>Outstand</u> <u>ing. 1st</u> <u>Jan.1961</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>Found</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>remedied</u>	<u>Outstand</u> <u>ing. 31st</u> <u>Dec.1961</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	0	2	2	0
Ventilation	0	1	0	1
Facilities for taking meals	0	1	0	1

## Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Number of site licences issued :

(a)	Individual vans	4
(b)	More than 2 vans	0

No action taken.

## Verminous Premises

No action necessary.

## Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are 3 licensed Pet Shops. 5 inspections were made during the year.

## Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

## Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

One part-time rodent operator is employed.

## Schools

Following representations by the Council, proper washing facilities and water closets were provided at the Blackfordby school.

## Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

Number in area :

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	0

No. of inspections 3



## SECTION D

### HOUSING

#### Houses completed during the year

	<u>Prefab</u> <u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>
Local Authority	Nil	6
Private Enterprise	Nil	27

#### Houses in course of erection at end of year

Local Authority	-	16
Private Enterprise	-	6

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	..	..	..	442
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Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	..	..	..	306
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	..	..	..	110
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	..	..	..	74
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#### Housing Summary

Total number of houses occupied in district	..	..	..	2347
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Total number of Council houses occupied in district	..	..	..	606
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#### Slum Clearance

No. of houses demolished during year	..	..	..	24
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No. of houses closed during year	..	..	..	2
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No. of families displaced	..	..	..	12
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No. of persons displaced	..	..	..	32
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## SECTION E

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Ice Cream

Number of premises registered :

(a) Manufacture and retail	0
(b) Manufacture only	0
(c) Retail only	32

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

#### Bacteriological Milk Samples

All samples were taken by the County Council.

#### Meat and other Foods

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	3761
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	3761
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>6</sub>
No. of Knacker yards in area	..	..	Nil
No. of visits to Knacker yards	..	..	Nil





# MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

## Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	806	239	6	1667	833
Number inspected	806	239	6	1667	833
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	159	102	-	34	56
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis	19.7	42.7	-	1.8	6.7
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	- -	0.4	-	-	0.1
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



Meat Stalls

Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	Nil
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	3
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Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	..	..	..	..	58
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Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Number of premises inspected	..	..	..	..	17
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Number of inspections made for the purpose	..				43
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Number of informal notices served	..	..	..		3
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Number of informal notices complied with	..	..			3
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Number of informal notices outstanding					
31st December, 1961	..	..	..	..	1

Number of formal notices served	..	..	..		0
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One market owned by local authority does not comply with the regulations.



SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1961

Disease	Final No. after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Pneumonia	3	0	3
Whooping Cough	2	0	0
Measles	39	0	0
Food Poisoning	1	1	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Total	47	1	3

Analysis under Age Groups According  
to Registrar General's Return

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1 year	0	1	0
1	0	5	0
2	1	10	0
3	1	4	0
4	0	12	0
5-9	0	12	1
10-14	0	0	0
14-24	0	0	0
25 and over	0	0	0
Age unknown	0	0	0
Total	2	44	1



Age Group	Food Poisoning	Acute Pneumonia	Erysipelas
Under 5 years	0	1	0
5-14	1	1	0
15-44	0	0	0
45-64	0	0	0
65 and over	0	1	1
Age unknown	0	0	0
Total	1	3	1

The case of Food Poisoning notified, a boy of 14, was probably a Salmonella infection and not Food Poisoning. This was a fairly severe case and was admitted to hospital for a short period. As both the mother and father were employed in a food factory, some months elapsed before he was eventually considered free from infection.





# IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of Children who were immunised during the period  
1st January -- 31st December, 1961

Age at 31.12.61 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1961	1 1960	2 1959	3 1958	4 1957	5-9 1952-56	10-14 1947-51	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	42	60	10	5	3	18	7	145
Booster Dose	-	-	-	-	7	70	5	82



Statement of Particulars appearing in the  
Tuberculosis Register for the year 1961

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	15	6	1	0	22
Number of cases notified during year	3	0	2	0	5
Number of cases added other than by formal notification	0	0	0	0	0
Number of cases removed from Register	2	1	0	0	3
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	16	5	3	0	24

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Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non.Pul.	Pulmonary	Non.Pul.	
Died	1	0	0	0	1
Cured	1	0	1	0	2
Total	2	0	1	0	3



As one of the cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis attended the local Junior School, the school was visited by Dr. Blake the Chest Physician. 344 children were tested, 175 boys and 169 girls. 161 boys were negative and 14 positive, and 140 girls were negative and 29 positive. 10 of the staff were X-rayed and were all negative. 13 children were X-rayed and of these two are being kept under observation.

A case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified at a large dairy. The person came recently from Eire, and was almost certainly suffering from Tuberculosis when he entered the country.

In view of this case the Mass Radiography Unit visited the dairy and 64 persons were X-rayed. Two cases, probably not active and not residents of this area, were referred to Chest Clinics.

Five men at a building firm were X-rayed at the Chest Clinic as a case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis had occurred there. All were clear.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

A number of cases and contacts were seen and examined by Dr. Paul at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.



## ANNEX TO ANNUAL REPORT

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1959

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1961 sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

#### Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	1
Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	44	12	3
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	2	2	-
	<u>48</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4</u>

### PART VIII OF THE ACT

#### Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers in district.





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